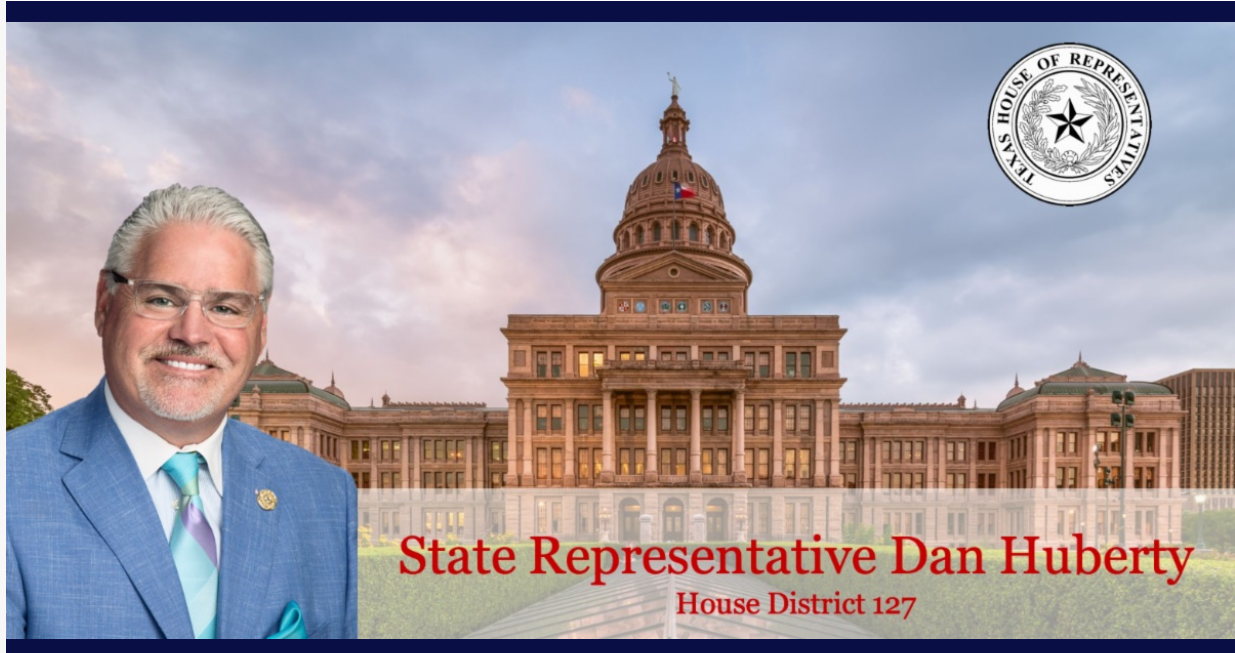


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July 24, 2020

It is with great sadness that I write to you today, as the local health authorities in both Harris County and the City of Houston have chosen to completely disregard the reopening guidance the state provided to districts just last week. This morning, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and City of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner issued a Joint Control Order preventing students from returning to school. This will cause even more irreparable harm to our most vulnerable students, further disenfranchise our lowest socio-economic students and hinder any personal progress for student athletes and organizations. This order only shows how completely out-of-touch the County and City leaders are with the many other dully elected officials who reside in their jurisdictions.

The guidance provided by the Texas Education Agency and supported by Governor Greg Abbott, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, Senate Education Chairman Larry Taylor and myself, was very clear in giving discretion to local school districts. By issuing this order, the County and City are essentially tying the hands of every Independent School District in the region. Local officials cannot cry foul on State officials for mandates that fly in the face of local control and then turnaround and do exactly the same thing to their locally-elected school board members.

Please know that I am working closely with the state, our local districts and several local leaders who recognize the hypocrisy in this situation and we will fight this ridiculous order.

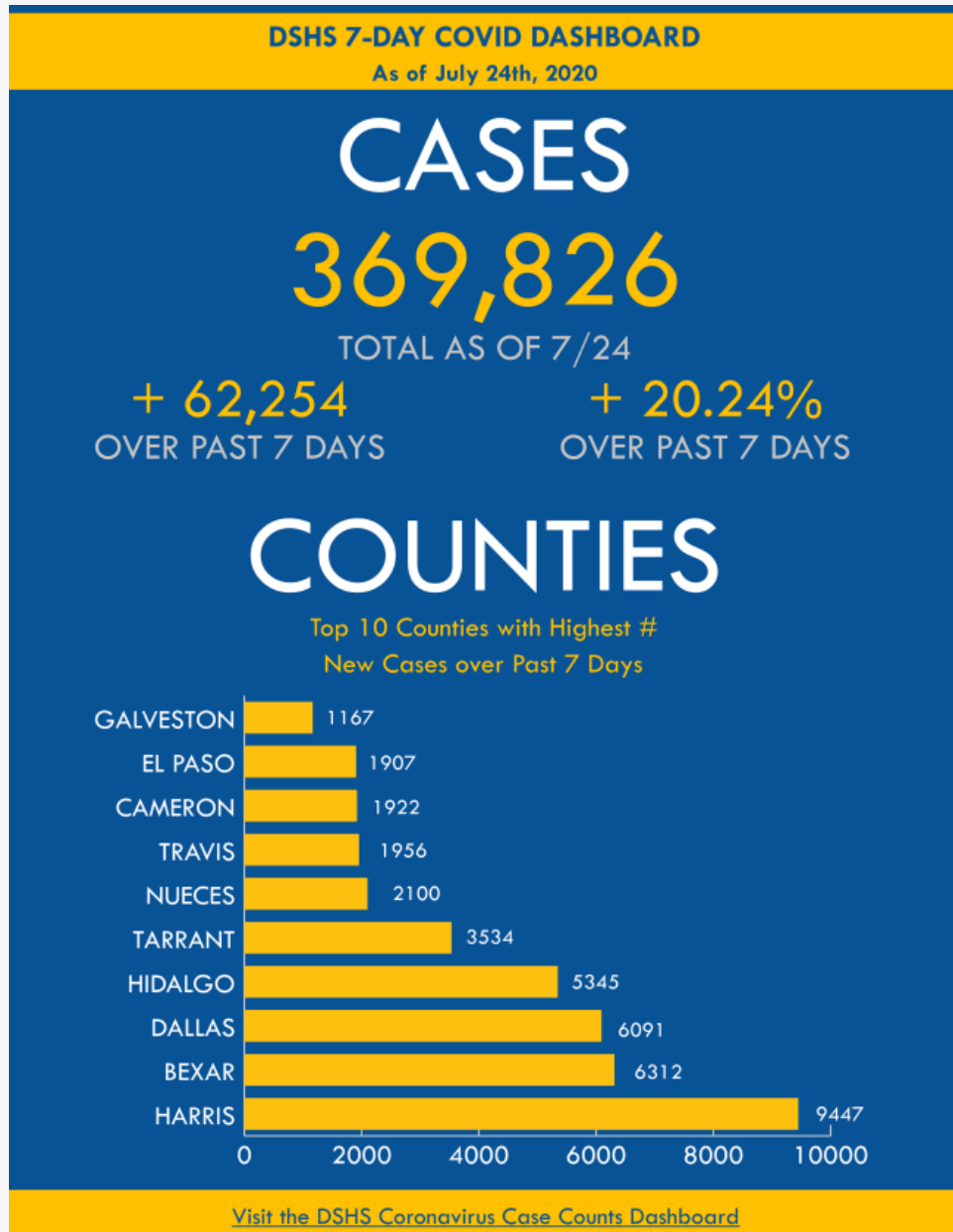
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Sincerely,



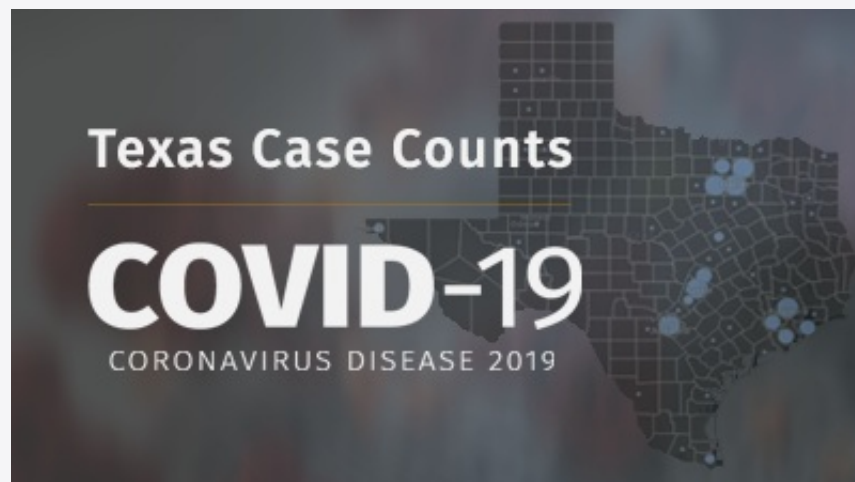
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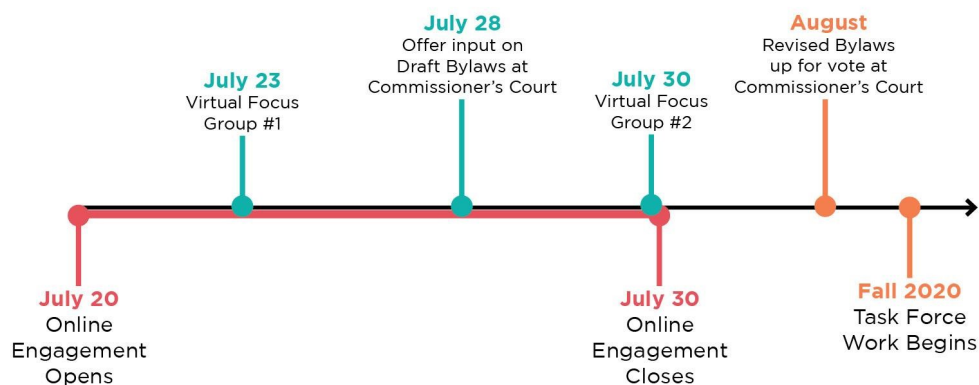
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Invitation to Comment on Reshaping the Flood Control Task Force Into a Harris County Community Resilience Task Force



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